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you don't hurt my feelings at all Mr. President, I would like to speak very directly to the members of this legislature. I am against bracketing this, and I think that it should go on through. The bill doesn't take effect, it only calls for the organization of the office and very little could be accomplished in a specific way until next year. There is plenty of time for this legislature or the next legislature to come back and make necessary changes. I would like to suggest to every member of this legislature that you have only begun to hear about the problems of this bill. Every interest group in the state of Nebraska and every powerful economic entity will find a way to see and to tell you or to tell us how this bill is bad and how this bill will hurt them individually. Whether it is big business or whether it is the railway the trucking industry, the airline industry, the petroleum industry, the labor union or the chambers of commerce every institution that economically has interests in the state is going to find a reason to be against this measure. I think what Senator Carpenter is hinting at will be borne out and would be fore true. That is that this legislature collectively will be incapable of doing what it started out to do. Which was to pass an effective anti-trust piece of legislation. It seems to me that the way we are going now, we are going to start with a series of exemptions and pretty soon we would be better off to have passed nothing. I recall hearing the Attorney General testify that the state has nothing and the state has to get going. I don't think that anyone, certainly not me, but I don't know of anyone that could claim that the Attorney General of Nebraska is out here in left field proposing do-good measures. The Attorney General of this state has been cautious and conservative, far more so than many of us want, but is cautious and conservative as anybody could want. He says that we should get a law started, I would say that that rocked Nebraska, and I won't go the rest of the way, speaking. (machine turned off) undertaken here is a bill that will decimate, and emasculate and sterilize this procedure to the point where we are going to end up with having nothing. The quickest way to get nothing is to bracket it and let the process start. It will be like pouring acid on something. If you believe in at all on what we voted on the first time, I think that we should vote against the bracketing and get this bill moving. Otherwise we are going to be involved in more and more debate and less and less will come of it. It is improper but I would like us to vote. It would be improper for me to call for the vote at this time, but I would hope that if it isn't improper that I would call for the question.

PRESIDENT: That is proper for you to ask, for that. Senator Fellman has asked the question and the question is shall the debate now close. Does the Chair see five hands? Alright, the question is shall the debate now close. All those in favor of closing the debate on the motion to bracket the bill will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Question is do you want to bracket the bill on Select File, 1028? Motion to bracket it on Select File. I'm sorry the previous question. This is the previous question. Do you support the debate now closing on it. I'm sorry. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Cavanaugh may now close on his motion to bracket the bill Senator Cavanaugh is closing. Go ahead sir.